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WHITE'S Wagging Tongue

by Cynthia White

A very small, sickly-looking man was hired as a bartender. The saloon owner gave him a word of warning: "Drop everything and run for your life if ever you hear that Big John is on his way to town."

The man worked several months without any problems. Then one day a cowhand rushed in shouting, "Big John is a'comin'," and knocked the small bartender on the floor in his hurry to get out.

Before the bartender had a chance to recover, a giant of a man with a black bushy beard rode into the saloon through the swinging doors on the back of a buffalo, and using a rattlesnake for a whip.

The man tore the doors off their hinges, knocked over tables, and flung the snake into the corner. He then took his massive fist and split the bar in half as he asked for a drink.

The bartender nervously pushed a bottle at the man, he bit off the top of the bottle with his teeth, downed the contents in one gulp, and turned to leave.

Seeing that he wasn't hurting anyone, the bartender asked the man if he would like another drink.

"I ain't got no time," the man roared. "Big John is a'comin' to town."

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A farmer won ten million dollars in a Lottery.

Naturally he was asked what he was gonna do with all that money.

He kinda scratched his head and said, "Not sure as I know right off. Guess I'll keep farmin' 'til it's all gone."

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My grandmother, who lived in Tucson, was well-known for her faith and lack of reticence in talking about it. She would go out on the front porch and say, "Praise the Lord!"

Her next door neighbor would shout back, "There ain't no Lord!" During those days, my grandmother was very poor, so the neighbor decided to prove his point by buying a large bag of groceries and placing it at her door.

The next morning, Grandmother went to the porch and, seeing the groceries, said, "Praise the Lord!"

The neighbor stepped out from behind a tree and said, "I bought those groceries, and there ain't no Lord."

Grandmother replied, "Lord, you not only sent me food but you made the devil pay for it."

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It was mealtime during our trip on a small airline in the Northwest.

"Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked the man seated in front of me.

"What are my choices?" he asked.

"Yes or no," she replied.

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"Can people predict the future with cards?" Suzie asked Little Johnny.

"My mother can," said Johnny. "She takes one look at my report card and can tell me exactly what will happen when my Daddy gets home."

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P & W Service Station To Curtail Fuel Sales

With gasoline prices rising across the U.S. the commodity is causing quite a stir among consumers. Not only are the prices on the rise in Munday but fuel itself is quickly becoming more scarce in the community.

It was announced this week by P & W Service Center owners Charles Pankhurst and Jeremy Wilson that their business will no longer be offering fuel service to its customers as of July 1, 2000. Pankhurst and Wilson sight low profit margins and increased governmental regulations as the cause for their decision to curtail the sale of fuel.

Government regulations, such as the new EPA ruling that those who purchase fuel for re-sale be bonded, is one of the factors that weighed on Pankhursts and Wilson's decision. "It cost money to be bonded," said Pankhurst.

Add that to the low profit margin connected with fuel sales and the rising price of purchasing the product and the small amount gained by the business man is

Businesses Invited To Enter Window Decorating Contest For Chamber

Saturday, July 8th promises to be a fun-filled day for the community of Munday as residents celebrate "Old Fashioned Saturday." As a way of showing support for the efforts of the members of the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, and also as a way of welcoming people into our community, the Chamber is offering a Window Decorating Contest to businesses in Munday.

The contest requirements are few but you are asked to decorate in the spirit of "Old Fashioned Saturday" by utilizing a 1950's theme or car show theme. The windows will be

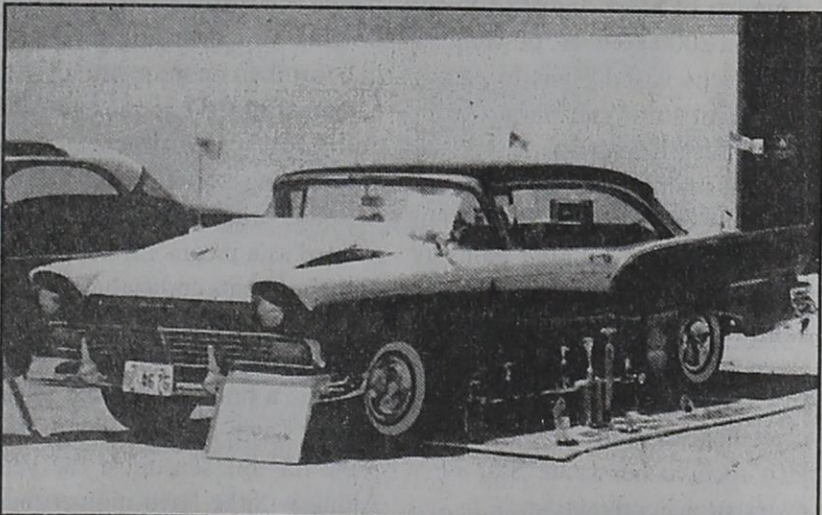
hardly worth the trouble. "We gave consideration to many other alternatives but we feel at this time this is the best thing we can do for our business economically," stated the owners in a recent letter written to their customers.

While many patrons wheel into their local service station and pay a higher amount per gallon this summer for fuel, most believe that the increase in the price lands in the pockets of the station owners. "At the present time, as well as for approximately the past one year, the profit margin for fuel is 5 cents per gallon," says Pankhurst.

Pankhurst has been in the service station business in Munday for the past 14 years. He and co-owner Jeremy Wilson will continue to operate the business and offer all the other services they normally extend to the consumers in Munday. Windshield tinting, oil changes, repair of flat tires, service calls and other repairs will still be offered at the business. Phillip Castorena will continue his employment with the service center.

judged on Friday, June 30th with the winners announced at that time. The grand prize will be an "Office Luncheon Party" provided by the Chamber and catered to the winners place of business for all employees at the location. The date of the luncheon can be coordinated by the winners and the Chamber.

Put on your thinking caps now and design those windows! Let's make downtown Munday festive and attractive for the events scheduled for Saturday, July 8th. Don't miss out on the fun - decorate those windows and get ready to dine!



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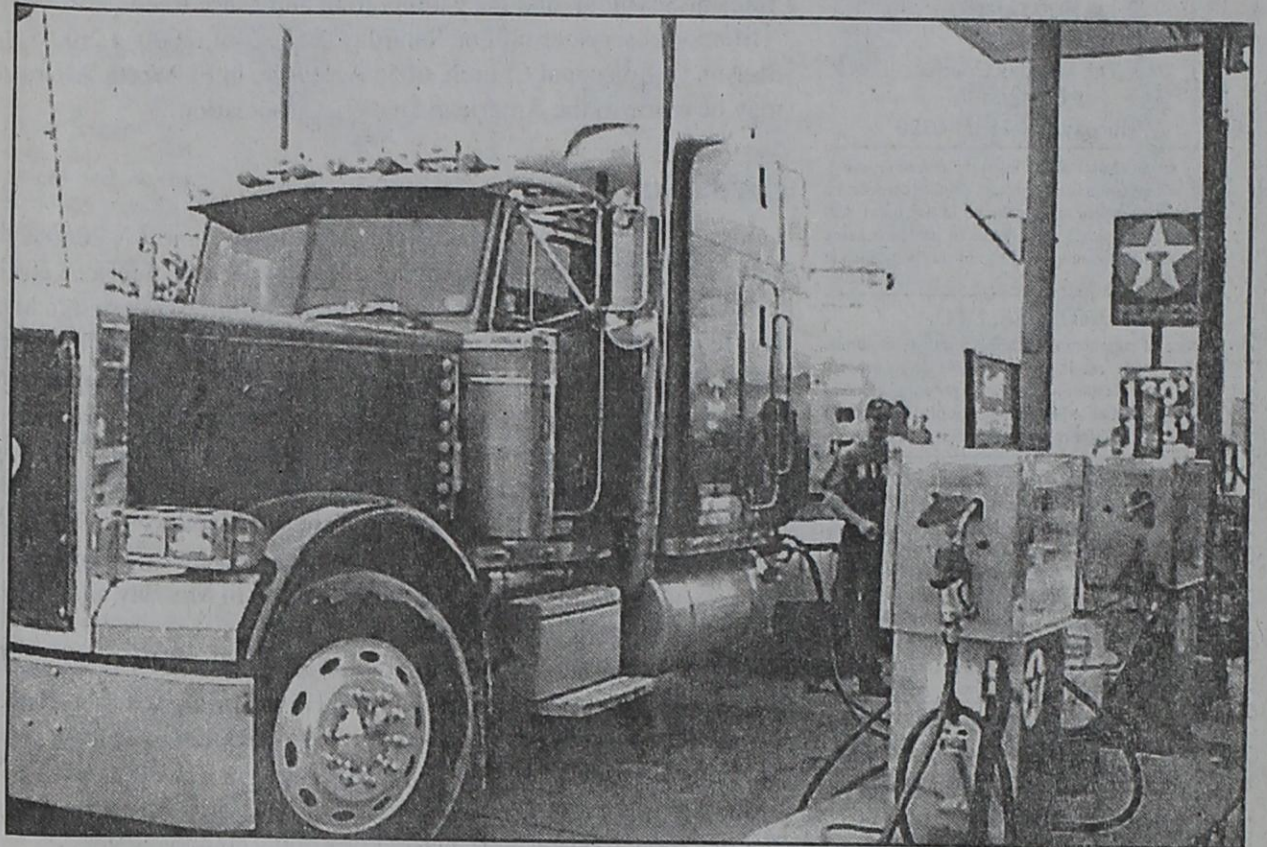
CLASSIC BEAUTY. The Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is gearing up for their second annual classic and antique car show. Many beauties like this winner from last year will be in town July 8th.

Red Cross Blood Drive Monday

The American Red Cross is kicking off the summer blood drive campaign "Hot Blooded Texans III." Munday residents will have the opportunity to donate on Monday, June 26th from 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Perry Patton Community Center. Memorial Day weekend typically starts the decline in blood donations that usually lasts through the Labor Day weekend. To deter the blood supply level from dropping to dangerously low levels, the American Red Cross is asking area residents to donate blood and in return, donors will be one of the first people to receive a specially designed T-shirt, third in a series.

The criteria for donating blood

has changed in recent years and many people who were once deferred may now be eligible to donate. There is no longer an upper age limit and insulin-dependent diabetics and those people treating high blood pressure may be able to donate if their disease is under control. Eligible donors must be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old. Donating blood is safe. A new, sterile needle is used for each donation. It is then disposed of, never to be used again. The donor is in absolutely no danger of contracting HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, or any other infection. For any questions or to make an appointment, please call Brenda Smith at 422-4701.



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FUELING UP. Big rigs and automobiles will no longer be able to fuel up at P & W Service Center in Munday beginning in July. The many other repair services and automotive upkeep requirements will still be available to the many customers who have patronized the facility.

Old Fashioned Saturday Gearing Up To Shake, Rattle, and Roll Into Munday

There's gonna be a whole lot of shaking going on in Munday, Texas, USA, on Saturday, July 8th as "Old Fashioned Saturday" comes to live once again.

This will be the third annual "Old Fashioned" event and the second annual "Antique and Classic Car Show" sponsored by The Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

Many plans are putting put into action as the date approaches but it's not too late for your group or organization to get in on the fun. Crafters are welcomed to set up booths in town for the day which promises to be heavy with foot traffic. If you are interested in displaying your crafts for sale please contact the Chamber of Commerce

at (940) 422-4540. There is no fee associated with the day but it will be necessary to co-ordinate with the Chamber for space availability, etc.

Food vendors are also welcomed - but once again, please call (940) 422-4540 and co-ordinate your plans with the Chamber. There will also be maps available along with advertisements made possible through the Chamber that you won't want to miss out on.

Does your group want to participate but you just aren't sure what to do? Why not try hosting a Cake Walk or other money making game? Many fun events are still needed and encouraged so call (940) 422-4540 for more ideas or

to talk your idea over with the experts. Again, planning and coordinating through the Chamber will smooth out many wrinkles that could occur during the day. Let's work together to make the day fun for all!

7 on 7 Football Team To Compete at Pflugerville

Seven of the Munday High School football players will be participating in the State Qualifying Tournament at Pflugerville, Texas. This event will take place on Saturday, June 24, 2000 at Connally High School. The starting time will be at 9:00 a.m.

There will be sixteen teams participating at the State Qualifying Tournament. Only the top four teams will advance to the State Tournament which will take place on Friday, July 21st and Saturday the 22nd at Texas A & M University.

Team members include Jeffery Toliver, Chris Bibb, Jeffrey Urbanczyk, Brian Urbanczyk, Alan Albus, Chance Myers, Will Longan, Brandon Urbanczyk, Micah Yates, Terrance Newton, and Justin King.

This event is not sponsored by the school. Each of the boys has to pay their own way. If anyone would like to make a donation to help the boys out, it would be greatly appreciated.

Myers and Dockins to Play in Oil Bowl Basketball Classic

2000 Seniors Laci Myers and Robert Dockins have been selected to represent Munday High School in the Oil Bowl Basketball Classic games scheduled for this Thursday, June 22, 2000.

The girls game will feature an all-star line-up with Texas vs. Oklahoma on the 22nd starting at 6:30 p.m. at the D.L. Ligon Coliseum in Wichita Falls. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students.

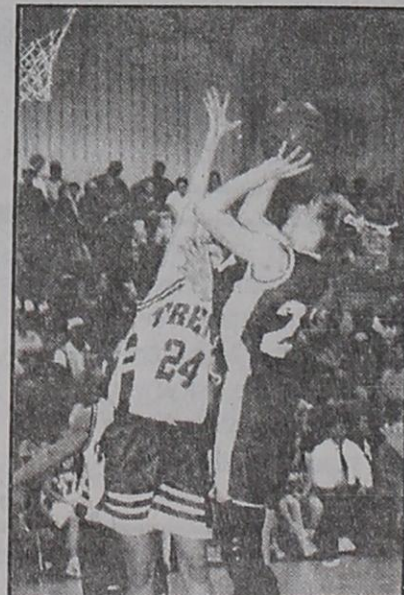
The boys game will feature Texas athletes with the East going up against the West. This game will follow the girls game on the 22nd.

The athletes will travel to Wichita Falls on Wednesday where they will meet with the coaches and other players. Events include three practice sessions, team pictures, banquet and a visit to the North Texas Rehabilitation Center where they will meet with young children with disabilities. All proceeds raised by the games goes to benefit the North Texas Rehabilitation Center and the events are sponsored by the Maskat Temple of Wichita Falls and the India Temple of Oklahoma City.

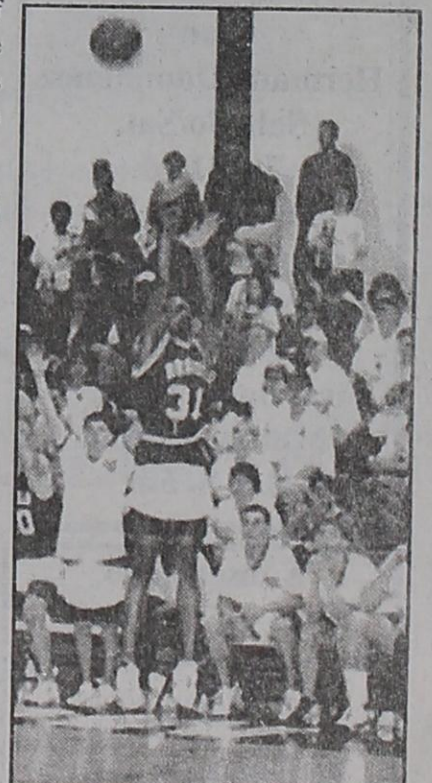
Girls representing Texas include Alex Coleman of Burkburnett, Kaira White of Mansfield, Lindsay Coley from Bryson, Jamie Henry of Bowie, Kristen Whitely from Graham, Cassie Birkenfeld of Nazareth, Laci Myers of Munday, Anika Holmes from Canyon

Randall, Casey Jackson of Amarillo Palo Duro, Kristen Young of Rains, Keely Cox of Crandall, and Lynsie Blau of Menard. Their coaches are Donna Capps and Pollye Hunter of Crandall.

Rounding out the roster on the East Boys team are Noah Brown from Keene, Robert Dockins of Munday, Larry Gates of Burkburnett, A.J. Hill from Peaster, Matt Sayman of The Colony, Roy McKinney of Denton Ryan, Bryant Nash from R.L. Turner, Jason Hammock of The Colony, Logan Kosmalki of Euless Trinity, and Grant Davis of Arlington Martin. Coaching the East Boys will be Tommy Thomas of The Colony assisted by Stan Hicks from Plano.



LACI MYERS



ROBERT DOCKINS

Knox County 4-Her's Tour Mrs. Baird's Bakery

Knox County 4-H members participating in the Foods & Nutrition Project spent June 7 in Abilene expanding their knowledge of Foods & Nutrition. The day began with a tour of "Mrs. Baird's Bakery". The group had the opportunity to walk through and see first hand each step that is taken in making a commercial loaf of bread as well as hamburger buns. The youth learned about the process of baking yeast bread, food safety, marketing of the product and career opportunities. At the conclusion of the tour they were invited to sample as much hot fresh bread as they could eat.



KNOX COUNTY 4-H Members recently visited the Mrs. Baird's Bakery in Abilene along with Sam's Wholesale Club as part of a foods and nutrition project.

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4-H is the youth development and leadership program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M University System. The program is open to any youth 8 years old and entering the third grade up through 18 years of age. To enroll or learn more about the 4-H program in Knox County contact the Knox County Extension Office in Benjamin at (940) 454-2651.

Next stop of the day was a visit to "Sam's Wholesale Club" where they learned about quantity buying, food labels, food safety and more career opportunities. The days activities were concluded with lunch and bowling.

Participating in the tours were: Brittany Coop, Rachel Ellis, Kate Rowan, Carlie Rowan, Ashton Smith, Kaitlyn Sosolik, Jessica Ferring, Ashley Crownover, Brooke Rocha, Kiel Rowan, Samantha Esquivel, Vanessa Solis and Tiffany Esquivel. Chaperoning the group was Michelle Esquivel, Brenda Smith and

Munday 7 On 7 Football Team Takes Third Place At Tech Competition

A group of young men came home with the third place trophy after competing in the Texas Tech 7 on 7 passing football championships in Lubbock on Saturday. Representing Munday were Seniors Brian Urbanczyk, Alan Albus, and Will Longan. Juniors on the team include Chance Myers, Chris Bibb, and Terrance Newton. Also involved on the 7 on 7 team are Sophomores Jeffrey Urbanczyk, Jeffery Toliver, Micah Yates, and Brandon Urbanczyk.

The Championship round was played on the soggy astroturf of Jones Stadium. Munday once again lost to the number 1 seeded team from San Angelo Central, who is also a state finalist in this years 7 on 7 tournament, by a score of 28 - 7.

Playing for the third place trophy, the Moguls defeated a team from Lubbock, the Cooper Pirates 29 - 23. Marcus Kimmel, formerly

of Munday, played for the Pirates. Red Raider head coach Mike Leach presented the trophies to each team at the close of the tournament.

Coaches for the Munday team were Richard Albus and Tony Myers. Krystynn Myers served as water girl and cheerleader. Also attending the games were Melissa Myers and Kerri Urbanczyk.



Kerri Urbanczyk Photo

7 ON 7 FOOTBALL Members recently traveled to Lubbock and brought home 3rd place in the Tech Tournament. Members include (back, left) Jeffery Toliver, Chris Bibb, Jeffrey Urbanczyk, Brian Urbanczyk, Alan Albus, Chance Myers, (front, left) Will Longan, Brandon Urbanczyk, Micah Yates, and Terrance Newton.

The team played seven games in eight hours to capture the third place trophy. Munday's team lost to the Midland high Bulldogs and to San Angelo Central high School and won against the Carlsbad Cavemen from Carlsbad, N.M. in the first round.

Beginning in the second round, the team from Munday was seeded 2th and played the Brownsville High School, who had been seeded 4th. Munday won by a score of 18 - 17.

The next game was against the 2nd seeded team from Big Spring, a state qualifier to this years state 7 on 7 tournament.

The Munday team shocked the Big Spring steers by a score of 24 - 13 to earn the right to play in Jones Stadium later in the day. Prior to the Moguls handling of the Steers and containing them to only 13 points, the Big Spring team had averaged 40 points per game. During the course of the game Munday's team drew lots of interest from the Tech coaches as the team from the "country" beat the team from the "city." Tech coach, Art Briles, formerly Stephenville's head football coach, complimented

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Minding Your Own Business

with Don Taylor, co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*

Know What You Want and Expect to Get It

Bad hiring decisions are among the worst mistakes small-business owners can make. You should be doing yourself a favor when you hire someone to work for you. After all, what you're really trying to do is move your business to a higher level through the efforts of others. You have a job that needs to be done and you want someone to do it well.

Unfortunately, if you're like many business owners, you may pick a person for the wrong reasons. Recently, I asked a group of business owners what they look for in job applicants.

They came up with a long list of positive attributes. The list included: clean, neat appearance, education, communication skills, a good sense of humor, high intelligence, enthusiasm, maturity, common sense, honesty and more than two dozen other factors.

I told them I agreed with every characteristic they mentioned, but asked them if they also considered "the demonstrated ability to do the job" an important characteristic. Sheepishly, they grinned and agreed that it was probably the most important factor.

You see, sometimes we are distracted by trivial or at least less important things as we make decisions. Hiring good folks to help us is no different than other decisions. Without knowing the right questions it's hard to get good answers.

Two great questions to ask are these: "Has this person developed the skills and abilities I need?" and, "Can they help me get the job done right now?"

Matching job functions with skills

Perhaps one of the most important factors in finding good people who will help you grow your business is matching the requirements of the job with the skills needed to get it done. Here is a method I use.

First I list the functions (what I need done) and the things I want an employee to be accountable for (responsibilities). Next I prioritize the functions and responsibilities. Finally, I try to list the skills and knowledge a person needs

to be proficient in these two areas.

Let me give you two examples. First, let's assume I need to hire an outside salesperson. The functions and responsibilities (prioritized) are: 1) make effective product presentations, 2) close sales and process the paperwork quickly and 3) handle customer problems and complaints.

Next to function No. 1, I'd list these skills, traits and knowledge: product knowledge, communication skills, confident manner, good personal appearance, etc.

Next to No. 2, I'd list these items: The ability to sell through objections, understanding of negotiation techniques, knowledge of benefits to customers, good writing and organizational skills, etc.

Next to function No. 3, I'd list: Ability to deal with difficult people, product knowledge, positive attitude, listening skills, etc.

A second example might be if I planned to hire a receptionist for my front office to greet visitors and handle the multi-line phone system.

The major functions might include: 1) making a strong and positive first impression with customers, vendors and guests, 2) handling phone calls efficiently, and 3) assisting with clerical duties.

Next to function No. 1, I'd list: pleasant appearance, friendly personality, strong communication skills, etc. By No. 2, I'd list: ability to handle multiple tasks, pleasant speaking voice, knowledge of business functions and responsibilities of key employees (who should get what kind of calls), etc. By No. 3, I'd write computer skills, typing speed and accuracy, etc.

Remember, what you want more than anything else is the right person for the job. When you match education and skills with functions and responsibilities, your odds of success increase significantly. Happy, productive employees who are comfortable with what they are doing make good long-term employees.

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Dewhurst Announces Reduced Interest Rates on State Home Loans for Texas Veterans with Service-Connected Disabilities

AUSTIN—Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB), today announced Texas veterans with service-connected disabilities are eligible for reduced interest rates on VLB home loans.

"We can never repay Texas veterans for injuries suffered in the line of duty," Dewhurst said, "but this measure will help compensate them, in a small way, for costly special features needed in their homes. These loyal veterans have given so much to their country I simply had to do something. I only wish it were more."

Dewhurst said Texas veterans with compensable, service-connected disabilities of 10 percent or more, and who meet all eligibility requirements for VLB home loans, can trim interest rates on new VLB home loans by one-half percent. Disabilities are verified by award letters from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

"Texas veterans with disabilities

pour too much of their home loans into special features like wheelchair ramps," Dewhurst said. "They either pay more for the same floor space found in conventional homes, or accept smaller living areas. That's no way to treat someone who sacrificed his or her health on our behalf."

Since becoming Texas' Land Commissioner in January 1999, Dewhurst has substantially lowered interest rates on VLB home loans and more than tripled the maximum home loan ceiling, from \$45,000, to \$150,000. Dewhurst said interest rates on VLB home loans are considerably less than comparable VA/FHA loans, resulting in monthly savings of up to \$150 for veterans, and total savings of \$40,000-\$60,000 over the life of a loan.

"Our larger loans and reduced rates are wildly popular with Texas veterans," Dewhurst said. "Now my fellow veterans can buy the good homes they deserve, while

David Dewhurst

enjoying lower monthly payments. Our loan programs are almost too good to be true, yet Texas taxpayers don't pay a dime for them."

Dewhurst urges Texas veterans to call (800) 252-VETS for VLB loan details and eligibility requirements. Detailed information is also available at the Texas General Land Office Web site at www.glo.state.tx.us.

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1996 Ford Contour GL Auto, PW & L, Cass. Stk. #8218T +TTL	\$5,782	1998 Mercury Grand Marquis LS Leather, 34k miles. Bargain. Stk. #8226T +TTL	\$15,737
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Rebate
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Total Savings

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Rebate
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2000 CHEVROLET IMPALA




\$1,914⁸⁵
Total Savings

\$19,556¹⁵

P/S, CD/Cass, Keyless Entry
MSRP \$21,471.00; Dealer Discount \$1,914.85
Stk# 367939

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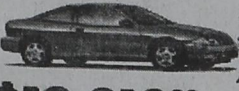
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Total Savings

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\$1,750
Rebate
or
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\$2,676⁴⁰
Total Savings

\$12,318⁰⁰

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Stk# 370290

\$1,500
Rebate
or
6.9% 60 mo. WAC

2000 OLDSMOBILE ALERO SEDAN



\$2,699⁰⁰
Total Savings

\$15,326⁰⁰

Auto, Cruise, CD/Cass
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Stk# 422979

\$1,500
Rebate
or
3.9% 60 mo. WAC

2000 OLDSMOBILE INTRIGUE GLS




\$4,195⁰⁰
Total Savings

\$22,995⁰⁰

Sunroof, Leather
MSRP \$27,190.00; Dealer Discount \$2,695.00; Rebate \$1,500.00
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\$1,500
Rebate
or
4.9% 60 mo. WAC

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\$3,028³⁰
Total Savings

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Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM/Cass
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Rebate
or
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\$3,468⁰⁰
Total Savings

\$21,995⁰⁰

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Stk# 272849

\$1,400
Rebate

2000 BUICK PARK AVENUE



\$6,011⁰⁸
Total Savings

\$29,321⁹²

Leather, CD/Cass
MSRP \$35,333.00; Dealer Discount \$4,011.08; Rebate \$2,000.00
Stk# 171220

\$2,000
Rebate

2001 OLDSMOBILE AURORA




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Total Savings

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\$3,242⁰⁰
Total Savings

\$20,995⁰⁰

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Stk# 342885

\$1,500
Rebate
or
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2000 CHEVROLET CAVALIER



\$2,624⁹⁰
Total Savings

\$11,970⁰⁰

4 Door, A/C, CD
MSRP \$14,595.00; Dealer Discount \$2,068.00; Rebate \$1,500.00;
Stk# 368849

\$1,500
Rebate
or
6.9% 60 mo. WAC

2000 BUICK LESABRE




\$3,980⁰⁰
Total Savings

\$25,995⁰⁰

Limited, Leather
MSRP \$29,975.00; Dealer Discount \$2,580.00; Rebate \$1,400.00;
Stk# 332315

\$1,400
Rebate

2000 BUICK LESABRE




\$4,067²⁷
Total Savings

\$26,442⁷³

Limited, Leather
MSRP \$30,510.00; Dealer Discount \$2,667.27
Stk# 281809

\$1,400
Rebate

2000 OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE GL



\$3,898⁷²
Total Savings

\$23,956²³

4 Door, P/Seats, Dual A/C
MSRP \$27,855.00; Dealer Discount \$2,398.72; Rebate \$1,500.00;
Stk# 337784

\$1,500
Rebate
or
4.9% 60 mo. WAC

2000 OLDSMOBILE BRAVADA




\$2,676⁴⁰
Total Savings

\$26,621⁰⁰

All Wheel Drive, CD
MSRP \$32,105.00; Dealer Discount \$2,948.00; Rebate \$2,500.00;
Stk#

\$2,500
Rebate
or
5.9% 60 mo. WAC

2000 CHEVROLET 4 DOOR TRACKER



\$3,000⁰⁰
Total Savings

\$16,491⁰⁰

Auto, Alloy Wheels, CD
MSRP \$19,491.00; Dealer Discount \$1,000.00; Rebate \$2,000.00
Stk# 952702

\$2,000
Rebate
or
5.9% 60 mo. WAC

2000 CHEVROLET S-10 BLAZER



\$4,807⁵⁵
Total Savings

\$22,057⁴⁵

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Rebate
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2000 CHEVROLET S-10 REGULAR CAB




\$4,767⁴⁵
Total Savings

\$11,276⁵⁵

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\$2,500
Rebate
or
5.9% 60 mo. WAC

2000 CHEVROLET SILVERADO XCAB



\$4,713⁰⁰
Total Savings

\$27,495⁰⁰

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Stk# 238178

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Rebate
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\$3,754⁴⁷
Total Savings

\$22,233⁵³

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Rebate
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2000 CHEVROLET SILVERADO



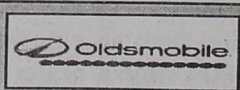
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Final Approval Given For Electric Company Merger

American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP) and Central and South West Corp. (NYSE: CSW) completed their merger today, creating a national leader in electricity generation, trading, and distribution.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approved the merger on the evening of Wednesday, June 14, 2000.

"Although the approval process was a lengthy one because of the involvement of many state and federal agencies, this merger was well worth the wait," said E. Linn Draper Jr., AEP's chairman, president, and chief executive officer, who noted the companies announced their intention to merge on Dec. 22, 1997. "Completion of the merger solidifies AEP's position as an industry leader and positions us to succeed in the new energy marketplace."

The merged company will retain the American Electric Power name and will continue trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the "AEP" stock symbol. Under terms of the merger, each share of CSW stock will be converted to 0.6 shares of AEP stock. CSW shareholders will receive information about converting their shares from Equiserve, the company's exchange agent, in approximately 10 days. No action is required by holders of existing AEP stock.

The merger of two of the nation's lowest-cost utilities creates an energy company with combined 1999 revenues of approximately \$12.5 billion; combined 1999 electricity sales of almost 200 million megawatt hours; total assets of more than \$35 billion in the United States, Australia, Brazil, China, Mexico, and the United Kingdom; and energy trading operation that ranked second in U.S. electricity volume and in the top 20 in natural gas in 1999 and is expanding its operations outside the U.S.; more than 4.8 million customers in 22 states; more than 4 million customers outside the U.S.; more than 38,000 megawatts of low-cost generating capacity in the U.S.; more than 38,000 miles of transmission lines; more than 186,000 miles of distribution lines.

Efficiencies gained through the merger will result in at least \$2 billion in savings over 10 years. All AEP and CSW customers benefit from the merger either through agreements with individual states signed by the companies or through generic industry restructuring rulemakings in the states.

Draper said AEP's post-merger strategy consists of three key elements: wholesale, energy delivery, and retail. "Each of these business lines has its own characteristic set

of skills and capital requirements, but the two that will most important for us initially are the wholesale and energy delivery businesses," Draper said.

"We are already substantial players in the wholesale business and expect to continue to grow," Draper said. "People who follow our industry know that our energy trading business has quickly grown from a start-up two years ago into the second-leading trader of electricity and a top 20 trader of natural gas today."

"But trading is only part of our wholesale business," Draper said. "For AEP, wholesale includes everything from the time the raw material leaves the ground to the point the energy is sent to the customer. This includes the acquisition of fuels, the conversion of fuels in power plants, selling and trading of electricity and natural gas in bulk, operating intrastate gas pipelines, and the processing and storage of natural gas."

Energy delivery include the operation of transmission and distribution networks to move electricity from the power plant to the customer.

"The name of the game in the energy delivery - or wires - business is to be an efficient operator with low costs and high customer satisfaction," Draper said. "That's been a traditional strength for both AEP and CSW."

"We're well positioned to be successful in the energy delivery business with more than 200,000 miles of wires in the U.S. and a strong focus on customer satisfaction," Draper said.

AEP and CSW tied for second among electric utilities in the American Customer Satisfaction Index announced in May. The companies have been among the industry's best each year since the index was first published in 1994. The American Customer Satisfaction Index, developed by the National Quality Research Center at the University of Michigan Business School, is an economic indicator that measures customer satisfaction with various industries and is based on modeling of customer evaluations of the quality of goods and services.

Retail is uncharted territory for electric utilities, with many states taking steps to provide a choice of electricity suppliers for retail customer, Draper said.

"We haven't made a firm decision that retail is a business that we want to be in, but our instincts are that we probably will," Draper said.

As a result of the merger, AEP elected the six directors to its board of directors from the board of Central and South West. Joining the AEP board are: E.R. Brooks of

Dallas, Brooks is the former chairman and chief executive officer of CSW; Donald M. Carlton of Austin, Texas, Carlton is the retired president and chief executive officer of Radian International LLC; William R. Howell of Dallas; Howell is chairman emeritus of J.C. Penney Company, Inc.; James L. Powell of McKavett, Texas; Powell is involved in ranching and investments; Richard L. Sandor of Chicago; Sandor is chairman and chief executive officer of Environmental Financial Products; and Thomas V. Shockley III of Dallas; Shockley is the former president and chief operating officer of CSW.

The six will stand for election at the company's 2001 annual meeting of shareholders. The election of the six directors brings the number of members on the AEP board to 15. Existing members of the board are: John P. DesBarres of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.; DesBarres is an investor and consultant; E. Linn Draper Jr. of Columbus, Ohio; Draper is chairman, president, and chief executive officer of AEP; Robert W. Fri of Washington D.C.; Fri is director of the national Museum of Natural History (Smithsonian Institution); Lester A Hudson Jr. of Greenville, S.C.; Hudson is professor of business strategy at Clemson University; Leonard J. Kujawa of Atlanta; Kujawa is an international energy consultant; Donald G. Smith of Roanoke, Va; Smith is chairman, president, chief executive officer, and treasurer of Roanoke Electric Steel Corp.; Linda Gillespie Stuntz of Washington D.C.; Stuntz is a partner with Stuntz, Davis, & Staffier, P.C., attorneys; Kathryn D. Sullivan of Columbus, Ohio; Sullivan is president and chief executive officer of COSI Columbus; and Morris Tanenbaum of Short Hills, N.J.; Tanenbaum is a director and trustee.

The company's executive management team includes: Draper chairman, president, and chief executive officer; Shockley, vice chairman; Paul D. Addis, executive vice president - Wholesale; Donald M. Clements Jr., executive vice president - Corporate Development; Henry W. Fayne, chief financial officer and executive vice president - Finance and Analysis; William J. Lhora, executive vice president and president of the North American Energy Delivery business unit; Robert P. Powers senior vice president - Nuclear Generation; Susan Tomasky, executive vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary; and Joseph H. Viperman, executive vice president - Shared Services.

American Electric Power is a multinational energy company based in Columbus, Ohio. AEP is one of the United States' largest generators of electricity with more than 38,000 megawatts of generating capacity. AEP is also one of the nation's leading wholesale energy marketers and traders.

New releases and other information about AEP can be found on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.aep.com>.

Yost Family Celebrates With Grandchildren

During Memorial Day Weekend, the family of Kristin Herring gathered at a beautiful beach house at Surfside Beach, Texas for fun and fellowship in honor of Kristin's graduation from Brazoswood High School and acceptance into Midwestern State University for Fall 2000 semester.

Participating in the celebration and enjoying the family reunion were: Kristin's mother and sister - Tracee and Kippin Herring of Lake Jackson; Grandparents - Charles and Gay Yost of Munday and Eugene and Gerrie Baccus of Lake Jackson; Uncles - Randy Routon of Grapevine and Chad Yost of Dallas; Great Aunts and Uncles - Tommie Raynes and Phyllis Dunn of Oklahoma City, OK, Chris and Barbara Boggs of Buda; Cousins - Shane and Mandi Routon of Grapevine, Shelley and Megan Moseley of San Antonio, for Cody, Casey, and Callie Boggs of Buda; Friend - Brandon Hartman of Lake Jackson.



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KRISTIN HERRING (center) celebrates her graduation from Brazoswood High, with her family. Kristen, granddaughter of Charles and Gay Yost of Munday, will be attending Midwestern State University for the Fall 2000 semester.

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Traveling with Your Horse? Louisiana Joins Texas, Other States in Passport Program

It's a done deal. The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency, reports Louisiana has joined the "equine passport" program for horses, donkeys, mules and asses originating within and traveling among the participating states: Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Louisiana.

"We are very happy to join the four states already using this six-month health document," said Dr. Maxwell Lea, Louisiana's state veterinarian. "We've received positive comments from equine owners about this program and think it will provide convenience and benefits for riders from all the states involved."

The six-month equine passport can be used for intra- or interstate travel, in lieu of a certificate of vet-

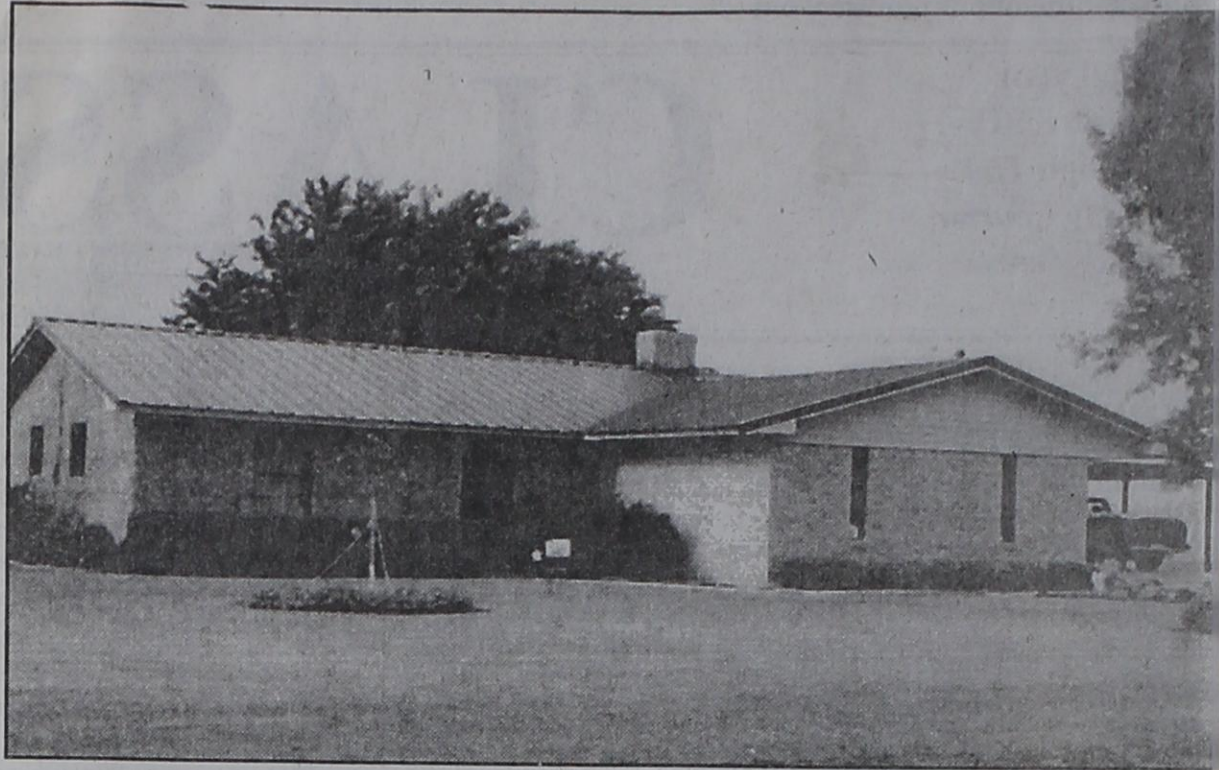
erinary inspection (health paper), which is valid only 30 to 45 days, depending on the state in which it is presented. Equine that will be traveling under the equine passport program must be permanently identified with a tattoo, brand or microchip implant. The animals also must be tested negative for the viral disease Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), also called "Coggins," within 30 days prior to being issued the passport. The official EIA test document, called a VS 10-11, must be presented with the equine passport when entering participating states.

"Under the passport program, equine owners need only one passport and an EIA test document for an entire season of travel to nearby states," said Dr. Lea. "It will save producers time and money and at-

tract riders from other participating states."

Dr. Terry Beals, Texas state veterinarian and TAHC executive director, said about 50 passports have been issued for Texas equine. "It's early in the trail ride, rodeo and competition season, and I expect other owners who travel among the passport states will be contacting their accredited veterinarians for the document," he said. "The passport may not be used at Texas parimutuel race tracks, but all other major shows and events welcome the document."

For more information on obtaining the equine passport, owners or trainers may contact their accredited veterinarian or call their TAHC area office, or the Permits section at the TAHC in Austin at 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777.



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YARD OF THE WEEK
Home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Brown
Rhineland, Texas



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RANGERS. Coaching the Rangers are (back) Traci and Jimmy Cooke. Players are (middle, left) Kymberly Andrade, Jose Gonzales, Morgan Hendrix, Jake Myers, Dylan Cooke, (front) Emilio Avalos, Daniela Serrato, Trey Tidwell, and Destiny Raines.



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PEPPERS. Coaching the Peppers are (back) Deana Sanders and Jay White. Players are (middle, left) Ryan Redder, Rian Dillard, Taylor Wilson, Matthew Booe, (front, left) Ryder Dillard, Mark Izaguirre, Kylie Urbanczyk, Lee White, and Baileigh Hunter.



PATRIOTIC VETERANS. Ralph Cypert, Bill Smith, and Raymond Carden were recently cited by the Munday Lions Club for their faithful duty of displaying the American flag on the streets of downtown Munday on all patriotic holidays.

Medical Care and Prescription Drugs are Available for Free

Financial Assistance Network in Washington, DC has just published a new booklet, "Free & Low Cost Medical Care". The booklet includes information on a how and where to get free and low cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program.

The Hill-Burton program has been in effect for over 50 years providing more than 35 billion dollars in free and low cost care to qualified participants. The program was established in 1946 to assist in the construction and modernization of hospitals and medical care facilities. Nearly 6 billion dollars in grants and loans were given to 7,000 facilities in over 4,000 communities. In exchange, the facilities agreed to provide a reasonable amount of services to persons residing in the local community who are unable to pay.

"There are currently 687 facilities that provide free or low cost medical care. Over 1100 prescription drugs are also available for free or very low cost to qualified individuals. Unfortunately, many qualified people do not take advantage of these programs because there is rarely any publicity inform the public", says Paul Navestad, founder of Financial Assistance Network. "A step by step outline guides consumers through the process of finding a participating facility, and applying to determine their eligibility for free or low cost care."

Financial Assistance Network is an organization established by volunteers dedicated to helping people who cannot afford medication. The primary purposes of Financial Assistance Network are to inform potentially qualified applicants about the patient assistance programs for which they appear eligible and assist them in the enroll-

ment process. Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Free & Low Cost Medical Care Booklet - Dept. MCB-0608 - P.O.

Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. Consumers can also get more information about free and low cost medical care and prescription drugs by calling (202) 595-1039.

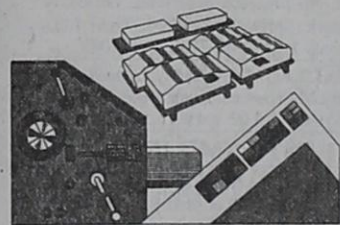
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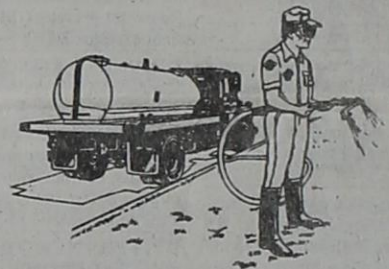
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